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SCOTTSVILLE MEN SENTENCED ON MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS CHARGES

- Elzie Meador sentenced to 5 years and 10 months*
- Jamie Thrasher sentenced to 1 year*
- Street value of \$45,000*

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Elzie Meador Jr.**, age 67, of Scottsville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months imprisonment, and **Jamie L. Thrasher**, age 26, also of Scottsville, Kentucky, Allen County, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for manufacturing more than 50 plants of marijuana, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Thrasher was also sentenced for carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Meador and Thrasher to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Thrasher and Meador pled guilty and admitted that on or about August 2, 2006, they aided and abetted each other, in Allen County, and manufactured 60 marijuana plants. Thrasher

also admitted that he carried a Beretta 9mm semiautomatic pistol during and in relation to the crime. The wholesale value of processed marijuana in this area is approximately \$1,500 per pound, and the plants being cultivated by the defendants would have produced approximately 30 pounds of processed marijuana, or \$45,000, according to law enforcement estimates.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Allen County Drug Task Force , as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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